



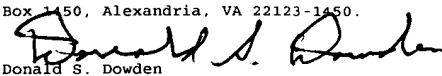
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office action of October 6, 2006, and prior to the further examination of the above-identified application, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the claims are not made hereby; the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.